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- **5.** 11/16/2020
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- 7. Thank you Council members Roberts and Robertson for sponsoring proposed Resolution 467.

As chair of the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association ("RNA"), I am writing on behalf of our board of directors: who have resolved to support the work of Black Lives Matter - Shoreline and the wider network of organizations that share their cause. It is a good sign that the Councilmembers and city staff directly listened to these groups to gather recommendations on city action, and to validate your understanding of their feedback as written into the eventual proposal. We support following the guidance of the stakeholder groups identified in agenda item 9(c), as these organizations are leading on and actively contributing to anti-racist work in our city.

Regarding the type of resolution to enact: the RNA is not in a position to recommend a "public health emergency" vs. a more targeted action. We look again to your stakeholder groups for leadership on the most productive path for the city to perform anti-racism work. However, I encourage the city to consider the neighborhood associations as willing partners for this anti-racism work.

The RNA in particular is willing to participate in "training and engaging... on the resolution" to ensure we are an active part of this process; we also desire support from the city to "...act as a facilitator for neighbors to know each other... [to strengthen] the community as a whole." We are just now beginning our antiracist journey and are approaching this work with humility and a learner's mindset, and so we welcome any capacity of the city to empower us to build antiracist communities.

Furthermore, we specifically support the following language in draft Resolution 467 (Attachment B): "That the City will educate the community on reporting hate crimes in Shoreline, communicate the hate crime investigative procedures, commit to communicating outcomes to hate crime victims in a timely and understandable method, and report these crimes in the Annual Police Services Report to City Council."

The RNA resolved in the month of August, and reaffirmed in October, to press the city on greater transparency for hate crime investigative procedures. Our neighborhood was the location of reported hate crimes in July and August. While the RNA was not a direct party in these reports, we are deeply concerned about the administration of fair and equitable justice for the impacted parties. Our neighbors must be able to trust the city and our public safety agencies in order to preserve a safe community.

Thank you again for your effort on this resolution.

8. (o) Support

Thank you, City of Shoreline